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1847. Mary did not learn of his death until after her arrival in the Salt Lake Valley.

EPHRAIM KNOWLTON HANKS

Madison, Lake County, Ohio was the birthplace of Ephraim Knowlton Hanks. The parents immigrated to America and joined the Mormon Church against the wishes of their people. Ephraim went to Nauvoo with his family and worked on the Temple and, also, acted as a pilot in escorting other Saints from the East to Nauvoo. He then joined a company of Saints who were preparing to go West. Ephraim was among the first to enlist in the Mormon Battalion at Mt. Pisgah. He served in Company "B." With other Battalion boys he was honorably released and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. He was recognized as one of the best of the western scouts and is credited with having saved the lives of many members of the belated handcart companies caught in the heavy snows before reaching the Valley.

His death, which occurred June 9, 1896 at Pleasant Creek, Wayne County, Utah, was mourned by Indians as well as Saints.

GEORGE W. HASKELL

George W. Haskell was a member of Company "B" Mormon Battalion. He was born October 24, 1795, in Danbury, Grafton County, New Hampshire. He removed to Nauvoo in 1840 and there joined the Latter-day Saints. He marched with the Battalion, Company "B," to the Pacific Ocean leaving his family on the banks of the Missouri River among the Pottawatamie Indians. After his discharge from service he returned to Winter Quarters in 1848. He crossed the plains with his family in 1851 and moved to San Bernardino three years later. He returned to Utah when Johnston's Army was on its way to Utah. Mr. Haskell passed away November 6, 1883 in Benjamin, Utah.

ARZA E. HINCKLEY

Arza E. Hinckley, son of Lois Judd and Nathaniel Hinckley, was born in Leeds County, Canada August 15, 1826. When five years of age his father died and he went to live with his Grandfather Judd. They left Nauvoo in May, 1846. His brother, Ira, stayed in Nauvoo and Arza went to Mt. Pisgah with Joel Ricks, who furnished three yoke of oxen and two wagons, to haul Church property. When they reached the Missouri River, Arza worked for two days on a ferry boat; then went down to Missouri to trade for provisions. Arza assisted in ferrying the Saints across the river until the call came from the government for men to fight against Mexico. He enlisted in Company "B." President Young said, "Go my brethren; be faithful



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HANKS, EPHRAIM KNOWLTON (son of Benjamin Hanks and Martha Knowlton). Born March 21, 1826, Madison, Lake Co., Ohio. Came to Utah July 29, 1847, James Brown contingent Mormon Battalion, Company B.
Married Harriet Amelia Decker (Little) Sept. 22, 1848, who was born March 13, 1826, and came to Utah Oct. 5, 1847.

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Their children: Ephraim Marcelles b. June 21, 1849; Marcia Amelia b. July 3, 1851; O. Alvarus b. Sept. 15, 1853; Harriet Page b. Feb. 25, 1856; Clara Vilate b. July 10, 1858; Charles Decker b. Dec. 22, 1860; Perry Isaac b. Jan. 20, 1863. Family home, Salt Lake City.

Harriet Amelia Decker was the widow of Edwin S. Little, who died shortly after leaving Nauvoo. They had one child: George Edwin b. Aug. 6, 1844, who came to Utah with his mother.

Married Jane Maria Capener March 27, 1856, Salt Lake City (daughter of William Capener and Sarah Verander of London, Eng., pioneers Oct. 2, 1852, Isaac Bullock company). She was born Oct. 16, 1840, Dry Brook, Ulster county, N. Y. Their children: William Albert C. b. Feb. 17, 1859, m. Eunice L. Murdock; Alice Maria b. Jan. 15, 1861, m. Moroni S. McAfee; Sarah Elizabeth b. March 10, 1863, m. Ethan Leonard Brown; Ephraim Knowlton b. May 18, 1865, m. Lottie Bagley; George Augustus b. Jan. 3, 1868, m. Malissa Merrell, m. Bessie Johns; David C. b. March 5, 1870, m. Mary Baum; Louisa Rebecca b. June 27, 1872, m. George W. Lowe.

Jane Maria Capener (Hanks) married Joseph E. Taylor. Their children: Jane, m. George Alexander; Margret Wicks, m. Fred Cluff.

Married Thisbe Quilly Read April 6, 1862 (daughter of Samuel and Georgiana Read), who was born April 26, 1847, London, Eng., and came to Utah with Daniel Tyler handcart company. Their children: Ella M. b. Nov. 3, 1863, died; Walter Ernest b. June 19, 1865, m. Mary E. Stewart April 15, 1887; Martha Georgiana b. Aug. 20, 1867, m. Daniel Allen March 20, 1886; Amy Alicia b. Jan. 29, 1870, m. John Giles Dec. 21, 1887; Thisbe b. March 28, 1872, m. Samuel Allen Oct. 27, 1892; Knowlton b. Jan. 26, 1874, died; Sidney Alvarus b. April 4, 1875, m. Martha Hubber; Ray Elijah b. Aug. 24, 1877, d. Sept. 3, 1910; Lillie Maria b. Aug. 2, 1879, m. James Wodscow; Arthur Eugene b. May 14, 1882, m. Mattie Little; Nettie May b. Nov. 8, 1884, m. Henry Giles; Clara Ellen b. Aug. 9, 1888, m. Robert Kittley.

Assisted in bringing immigrants to Utah. First counselor to Bishop Henry Giles of Blue Valley ward; patriarch. Mail carrier in early days. Died in Grass Valley, Utah.